GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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WHO Study on Health Workforce in India
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(a) whether the Government has taken note of World Health Organisation (WHO) study titled 'The Health Workforce in India' which revealed that in 2001, one-third of the medical practitioners were educated only till secondary school level, whereas 57 per cent of them did not have any medical qualifications;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): Yes. The Government has taken note of the report. As per Section 15 of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 only a person enrolled on a State Medical Register can practice medicine. MBBS is the minimum qualification prescribed under the regulations. Any person who acts in contravention is liable to be punished with imprisonment and/ or fine. Since Health is a State subject action in such cases is to be taken by the State Governments.